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SUBJECT: PAPERS AND WIRESERVICE LEADS - OCTOBER 31

FOR AMSSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

NO. 22

SUMMARY: ALL PAPERS LEAD WITH PLANNED TRIP TO ME NEXT WEEK,  
TO "SALVAGE" PEACE EFFORTS OF HAK. END SUMMARY.

1. NYTIMES: GWERTZMAN ON P. 1 HAS LONG STORY ON HAK CON-  
TACTS WITH ARAB LEADERS TO ASSESS RABAT DECISIONS. REPORTERS  
ON PLANE TOLD THAT DESPITE OBVIOUS COMPLICATIONS, SOME ARAB  
LEADERS STILL HOPEFUL FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THIS CRISIS IS  
HAK'S MOST SEVERE PROBLEM IN A YEAR'S WORK FOR PEACE,  
PLUS UNCERTAINTY OF ARABS' NEXT MOVE. POSSIBILITY OF  
"BEHIND-THE-SCENES SCENARIO", DELHI PRESS CONFERENCE ANS-  
WER ON PLO QUESTION, AND ANDERSON STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL AT  
DACCA ALL CITED. OTHERWISE, STORY SAYS U.S. WILL DO ALL  
IT CAN TO HELP BANGLADESH FOR FOOD AND FERTILIZER.  
REMAINDER OF ITINERARY LISTED, INCLUDING TURKEY, EGYPT,  
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SYRIA, JORDAN, ISRAEL, AND POSSIBLY SAUDI ARABIA.

2. WASHPOST: MARDER ON P. 1 SAYS RABAT DECISION WENT AGAINST U.S. POLICY FOR WORKING THROUGH JORDAN, BUT CITES HAK THAT DOOR IS NOT CLOSED, EVEN THOUGH ISRAEL REJECTS THE PLO. REPORTERS WERE CAUTIONED AGAINST A SENSE OF

PANIC OR HOPELESSNESS, WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO ANOTHER CONFRONTATION. "THE 'MINEFIELD' METAPHOR THAT KISSINGER HAS USED IN DESCRIBING THE HAZARDS OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATING PROCESS IS NOW MORE HEAVILY SEEDED WITH EXPLOSIVES TO THWART HIS STRATEGY, IT IS CONCEDED." CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF REAL ARAB MOTIVES IS NOW NECESSARY. TRIP TO ME LISTED AS ABOVE, WITH TUNISIA ON THE WAY HOME AND TURKEY BEFOREHAND. ARTICLE (PROBABLY NOT MARDER BUT WASH EDS) CONTINUES WITH STATEMENT ON PLO ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT AFTER FORD "MISSTATED" U.S. POLICY. HAK ARRIVAL IN BANGLADESH BROUGHT OUT EAGER AND OVER-EXPECTANT CROWDS. HAK SAID U.S. WILL DO WHAT IT CAN. 100,000 TONS OF GRAIN ADDED FOR THE YEAR, BUT EXPERTISE IS NEEDED TOO.

3. BALTSUN, MILLS, P. 2, REFERS TO OPEN DOOR AND TRIP PLANS, SAYS RABAT DECISION WAS "A BLOW TO KISSINGER'S HOPES TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD," SINCE HE'D WANTED JORDAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL. ANDERSON STATEMENT REAFFIRMED U.S. COMMITMENT TO ISRAELI-JORDANIAN TALKS, INDICATING FORD REFERENCE TO PLO MIGHT HAVE BEEN "A SLIP OF THE TONGUE". HAK UNDERSTOOD DOUBTFUL THAT ARAB LEADERS HAD REVERSED POSITION SO COMPLETELY SINCE HE LAST SAW THEM. VISIT TO SUBCONTINENT SEEN AS SYMBOLIC OF NEW SITUATION SINCE BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE.

4. BOSGLOBE, JABVALA ON P. 10 HAS SHORT PIECE SAYING TRIP TO SALVAGE ME POLICY BEING CONSIDERED; SAYS HAK STILL OPTIMISTIC. ANDERSON STATEMENT CITED IN PART. HAK HAS NO PLANS TO MEET WITH ARAFAT.

5. NYDAILY NEWS, CARTER ON P. 6 HEADLINED "HOPEFUL HENRY WILL STRIVE TO SALVAGE PEACE." TRIP TO ME AND OPEN DOOR LEAD, FOLLOWED BY "FLURRY OF SPECULATION" THAT FORD'S REFERENCE TO PLO MEANT CHANGE IN POLICY. ANDERSON STATE-  
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MENT SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. RABAT DECISION MADE HAK EFFORTS MORE DIFFICULT, BUT REAL POSITION OF ARAB LEADERS STILL UNCLEAR. PHOTO OF MRS. K AT TAJ MAHAL.

6. WASHSTARNEWS: JOHNSTON ON GE 1 ABOVE THE FOLD HAS AN ANALYTICAL PIECE HEADLINED: "U.S. PREPARING SHIFT IN PALESTINE STANCE," WHICH DRAWS ON PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO THE PLO AND DEPARTMENT STATEMENT TO CONCLUDE THAT

"KISSINGER AND HIS TOP ME ADVISERS ARE CAREFULLY PREPARING THE WAY FOR A MAJOR CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE ONCE-DISDAINED PLO." SAYS THAT STATEMENT ISSUED BEFORE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAD FULLY ANALYZED THE RABAT DECISION, BECAUSE "THE ENORMITY OF THE DECISION FORCED EVERYBODY'S HAND." (FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE BEING SENT SEPTEL.)

JERRY O ON PAGE A-9 HAS ANALYTICAL PIECE ON RABAT SUMMIT, SAYING "ARAB LEADERS ARE NOW LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO RESCUE THEM FROM THEIR OWN RHETORIC." VARIOUS ARAB LEADERS' POSITIONS ARE CITED, WHICH DO NOT ALL JIBE WITH THE COMMUNIQUE. NO THREAT OF WAR SEEN, SINCE NO MILITARY MOVES HAVE BEEN MADE BY EITHER SIDE. REAL FOCUS LIES IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUSSEIN AND ARAFAT, WHO HAVE TO WORK OUT A MODUS VIVENDI. (FULL TEXT TO FOLLOW AS ABOVE.)

IN SEPARATE "REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK," PAGE D-8, JERRY O WRITES OF HAK IN "HUNGER LAND," SAYING OTHER WORRIES DID NOT AFFECT HAK VISIT TO TRAGIC BANGLADESH. RABAT, ENERGY/FOOD, SALT, CYPRUS, AND NIXON'S HEALTH ARE ON HIS MIND, "YET HE CARRIED OFF HIS STAY IN BANGLADESH FOR ALL THE WORLD AS IF DACCA WAS CENTRAL TO THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS." CONTINUES WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF BANGLADESH'S PROBLEMS, POVERTY, HUNGER, FLOODS, AND A LEADER WHO IS "NOT MUCH AT RUNNING A GOVERNMENT," "BUT POLITICALLY SAVVY. ECONOMIC FUTURE OF BANGLADESH SEEN AS GLOOMY AT BEST.

7. WIRESERVICES: AP AND UPI DISCUSS THE REQUESTS FROM BHUTTO FOR ARMS, WHICH THE U.S. WILL PROBABLY NOT HONOR. AP SAYS PAKS DON'T ACCEPT INDIAN ASSURANCES RE NUKE SPREAD. UPI CITES MRS. K AFTER SIDE TRIP TO MURREE: "I THINK YOU CAN SAY I SEE MORE OF HENRY ON TRIPS THAN I DO IN WASHINGTON."

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RADIO REPORTS, OCTOBER 30, 1974, 10 A.M.

1. TED KOPPEL - ABC - WMAL RADIO - FROM - RAWALPINDI SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PAKISTANI HOST WILL CERTAINLY WANT TO HEAR HIS ASSESSMENT OF INDIAN INTENTIONS. THERE IS CONCERN BORDERING ON PARANOIA HERE THAT INDIA IS DETERMINED TO DISMEMBER PAKISTAN AND KISSINGER IS BRINGING GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD. ON THE ONE HAND HE APPEARS CONVINCED BY INDIAN REASSURANCES THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING PAKISTAN BUT THE GOVERNMENT HERE WOULD LIKE SOMETHING MORE THAN VERBAL REASSURANCE. PAKISTAN HAS LONG BEEN URGING THE U.S. TO RESUME ITS ARMS SHIPMENTS HERE AND THAT IS WHERE THE BAD NEWS COMES IN. KISSINGER PUBLICLY ASSURED THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.S. HAS

NO INTENTION OF DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD UPSET THE ARMS  
BALANCE ON THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT.

2. MARVIN KALB - CBS - RADIO FROM ISLAMABAD

KISSINGER FINISHED A BRIEF STAY IN BANGLADESH PROMISING  
MUJIBUR THE PM THAT THE U.S. WILL HELP FEED THE HUNDREDS  
OF THOUSANDS OF BENGALIS WHO HAVE BEEN MADE HOMELESS AND  
HUNGRY BY RECENT WIDESPREAD FLOODING. THEN THE SECRETARY  
FLEW HERE INTO ISLAMABAD TO TALKS WITH PM BHUTTO. THESE  
EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON ECONOMIC AS WELL AS MILITARY AID.  
KISSINGER OPPOSES A NEW AMERICAN MILITARY PROGRAM FOR  
PAKISTAN THOUGH HE AGREES THAT THE U.S. CAN AND SHOULD  
BOOST ITS ECONOMIC SUPPORT. KISSINGER AT THE MOMENT SEEMS  
LIKE A DIPLOMAT GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS -- RED CARPET  
RECEPTIONS AND DEPARTURES, MEETINGS WITH PMS WHOSE PROBLEMS  
SEEM MANAGEABLE AND CULTURAL SHOWS, THE KIND THAT FOLLOW  
STUFFY DINNERS. HIS MIND IS RIVETED ON TWO THINGS THOUGH -  
HIS SPEECH NEXT TUESDAY IN ROME BEFORE THE WORLD FOOD  
CONFERENCE, AND HIS UPCOMING SWING THROUGH THE ME.

3. BARRY SCHWEID - AP - RADIO BROADCAST WTOP - ISLAMABAD

HENRY KISSINGER IS VISITING PAKISTAN TODAY IN A BALANCING  
ACT OF DIPLOMACY. AFTER THREE DAYS IN INDIA AND ANOTHER  
IN BANGLADESH IT BECAME ESSENTIAL THAT HE ASSURE PAKISTANI  
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OFFICIALS THAT THE U.B. WILL REMAIN A STEADFAST FRIEND.  
WITH INDIA WELL SUPPLIED BY THE SOVIET UNION THE PAKISTANIS  
WANT WASHINGTON TO PUMP IN MODERN ARMS; BUT KISSINGER  
WILL APPARENTLY TELL THEM NO GENTLY. THE U.S. HAS MAIN-  
TAINED A NINE-YEAR EMBARGO ON LETHAL WEAPONS TO THE  
SUBCONTINENT EXCEPT FOR 1970 AND AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD  
INDIA IS BASED ON CONTINUING THAT EMBARGO; HOWEVER,  
KISSINGER MAY PROMISE THEM FOOD AID BEFORE MOVING ON  
TOMORROW TO AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN. INGERSOLL

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